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SUBJECT: COST PROJECT 43

REF: A. STATE 63619; B. EC A-368, DEC 3, 1971; C. EC A-99

1. COST (EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH) IS THE 19- MEMBER EUROPE- WIDE ORGANIZATION FOR COOPERATION IN RESEARCH. IT HELD ITS FORMATIVE CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS ON NOVEMBER 22-23, 1971, AND ITS ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT IS PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES. REF B PROVIDES A REPORT ON THE BACKGROUND OF COST.

2. AT THE TIME COST WAS ORGANIZED, A TOTAL OF SEVEN AREAS OF COOPERATION IN RESEARCH WERE ESTABLISHED. AN EIGHTH PROJECT HAS RECENTLY BEEN ADDED (SEE REF C). COST HAS HAD FOR SEVERAL YEARS A NUMBER OF PROJECTS, IDENTIFIED BY NUMBERS, ON WHICH WORKING PARTIES HAVE CARRIED OUT PRELIMINARY STUDIES TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF MEMBER STATE INTEREST BEFORE THOSE PROJECTS WERE CONSIDERED FOR FORMAL ADOPTION BY THE FULL ORGANIZATION, AS THE EIGHT PROJECTS MENTIONED ABOVE.

3. PROJECT 43 IS ONE OF TWO OF THESE AREAS OF INTEREST WHICH, FOR SEVERAL YEARS, HAS BEEN GIVEN THIS PRELIMINARY SCRUTINY IN THE FIELDS OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND METEOROLOGY. PROJECT 43 HAS FIVE SUBGROUPS, ONE OF WHICH IS ENTITLED " TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION."

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4. THE MISSION HAS HAS OBTAINED FROM THE EC COMMISSION A LISTING OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS OF THE COST PROJECTS. DR. WILKENS OF THE FRG IS NOT AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS IN ANY OF THOSE GROUPS. THE FRG MEMBERS OF PROJECT 43 ARE THE FOLLOWING: WALDEN, SCHULZE, VOSS, HOLZKAMM, AND MOLLNHAUER; THE LATTER IS THE GERMAN MEMBER OF THE SUBGROUP FOR THE " TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION." THIS LIST WILL BE FORWARDED BY POUCH TO EUR/ RPE. GREENWALD

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